Choked sewerage in Pitampura area, Delhi

2550. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority have formulated a integrated area the sewerage arrangements in all the colonies remain choked in the absence of an outlet;

(b) whether the Delhi Development Authority has made a survey of such sewerage;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Delhi Development Authority have formulated integrated system for the entire area for providing an outlet to the sewerage, if so, the details thereof;

(e) by which the outlet is likely to be provided; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the negative, what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, a survey has been made and certain defects noticed.

(c) to (f) The Delhi Development Authority have formulated an integrated system for the entire area for providing an outlet to the choked sewerage. The M.C.D. trunk sewerage system passing through Pitampura area as well as the Rithala Sewage Treatment Plan are yet to be completed. These will take care of the sewage of Pitampura area when completed.

Promotion of Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers in C.P.W.D.

2551. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a scheme to replace the present system of 4 Junior Engineers under one Assistant Engineer with that of 3 Junior Engineers under one Assistant Engineer in the Central Public Works Department so that stagnation is reduced amongst the junior engineers;

(b) the number of posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil & Electrical separately) which are proposed to be created under this new system and the time by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether Junior Engineers (40 Civill & 15 Electrical) who qualified in the written examination of the last "Limited Departmental Examination for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer, 1983" but could not be promoted to reduction of posts of Assistant Engineers will be considered for these posts; and

(d) if so, what is the likely number of such promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A number of proposals including proposals for restructuring of sub-divisions are being considered by Government to reduce stagnation amongst the Junior Engineers. At present it is not possible to indicate the number of posts of Assistant Enginers likely to be created or the time by which these can be created.

(c) and (d) The Junior Engineers who have already qualified in the limited departmental competitive examinations for promotion to the grade of Asstt Engineer, will be considered for such promotion in the vacancies of Asstt. Engineers arising in future to the extent of the quota reserved for them.

Shopping Centre in Prashant Vihar, Delhi

2552. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1683 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1985 and state the date by when the construction work of shopping centres in Prashant Vihar, Delhi is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The construction work of two shopping centres in Block 'B' and 'E' Prashant Vihar, is likely to start by 15th January 1986.

Drinking water scarcity in Rajasthan

2553. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some district in Rajasthan like Ajmer, and Bundi are at present in the grip of acute scarcity of drinking water;

(b) if so, what provision has been made for the supply of drinking water to the water scarcity areas in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what assistance Government propose to render presently to Rajasthan in the matter of water supply in Ajmer and Bundi areas particularly in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) According to the recent memorandum submitted by the Government of Rajasthan in October, 1985 the district of Ajmer and Bundi have been affected by drought.

(b) and (c) Water supply is a state subject. Rajasthan has a provision of Rs. 150 crores for the provision of drinking water under the Minimum Needs Programme in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

The Central Government assists the States in providing safe drinking water in the rural areas under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARP). During the current year Rajasthan has been given Rs. 27.32 crores under this programme.

Rajasthan has also been given Rs. 8.57 crores as Central assistance for drinking water in drought affected areas during the current year 1985-86. In addition, Government of India have also decided to sanction Central assistance for one hundred water tankers and ten fast drilling rigs.

TV rates for sponsored programmes

2554. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate for TV spots in the case of sponsored programmes;

(b) the number of advertisers at present on the waiting list for allotment of TV time for sponsored programme and the manner for which it is proposed to meet their demands; and

(c) whether any survey of TV programme viewership in case of various sponsored programme has recently been conducted; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) A statment is encolsed.

(b) No. of requests pending for sponsorship is as follows:—

For National Network	20
For DDK Calcutta	5
For DDK Lucknow	8

(c) An all India Survey was conducted at 10 centres in March, 1985. The survey indicated that sponsored programmes in the form of serials have gained wide acceptance among the TV viewers.